

labor and are practicing blackmail and extortion," he asserted. "We have found the whole community in the grip of monopolistic combinations. We have thrown the light of publicity on these pirates of labor and these pirates of industry and the wolves must be separated from the sheep."

The attorney declared the Board of Education had awarded contracts at figures \$50 per cent. too high and at another point he intimated that these and other figures had best be corrected, as the committee was likely to run onto evidence that would make it bad for any one sidestepping this duty.

The Board of Estimate then adopted a resolution setting forth that disclosures had shown collusion between contractors and "whereas it is vitally necessary that sufficient facts be established before positive action is taken in respect to cancellation of any or all of said city contracts," a full investigation was ordered.

Mr. Untermyer outlined a plan to the Board which he believes will prevent unemployment of labor in the building trades and relieve firms working on city contracts of any undue hardship. This plan, in brief, is as follows:

"That the city require all general contractors to furnish copies of all sub-contracts let by them, together with copies of all estimates.

"That the city hold back on all contract payments 10 per cent. of the amount of the contracts in addition to the 15 per cent. now exacted, so that in event the city has been victimized enough money will have been withheld to reimburse it.

"That all contractors be required to enter into an obligation with the city whereby the city shall not waive its right to annul a contract because payments on it are made."

"As the city's investigation proceeds the Lockwood committee will turn over to it from time to time such evidence as it may unearth concerning the making of the city by contractors, but it will not undertake to prosecute offending city officials or others unless their misdeeds are improved in the evidence.

The Lockwood Committee today, according to report, designated Senator John J. Dunnigan as Chairman of the subcommittee which will conduct the loan organization investigation. The committee wants to know why there are not more mortgage investments and why more funds are not available for building.

COLLEGE STUDENTS CALL OFF STRIKE

Boys at St. John's, Annapolis, Will Return to Their Classes Unconditionally.

BAITIMORE, Nov. 16.—The "strike" of the students of St. John's College at Annapolis was called off today by representatives of the student body after a conference here with Osborne I. Yellott, President of the College Alumni Association, and other members of the association.

Acting upon the advice and suggestions of Gov. Ritchie, ex-officio Chairman of the St. John's Board of Governors and Visitors, Mr. Yellott, the committee promised that the "striking" students would return to college unconditionally to-night.

MISSING MAN HALTS TRIAL.

Bench Warrant Issued for Alleged "Fence" in Silk Theft.

When Jeremiah Dellabella, one of twenty defendants charged with conspiracy to defraud by stealing \$100,000 worth of silks and other fabrics from the American Railway Express Company, failed to appear in Federal Judge Garvin's Court in Brooklyn today, the proceedings were stopped and United States Marshal, with a bench warrant, were sent out to find the missing man. Dellabella is alleged to have maintained "fences" for the disposal of the stolen goods in stores throughout the city. Twenty-eight indictments were returned. Eight of those indicted have not been arrested.

BOWIE RESULTS.

FIRST RACE.—Claiming: two-year-olds; six and one-half furlongs.—Soborn, 115 (Mooney), \$25.40, \$11.10, \$11.10; first, Phil, 79 (Henderson), \$15.30, \$7.65, \$7.65; second, Tingling, 121 (Rodriguez), \$10.10, \$5.05, \$5.05; third, Time, 125 (S. S.).

SEVEN FURLONGS.—Claiming: three-year-olds; seven furlongs.—Light Horse, 119 (Robinson), \$5.50, \$2.75, \$2.75; first, Blue Belle, 106 (Henderson), \$4.00, \$2.00, \$2.00; second, Polythia, 116 (Barnes), \$3.00, \$1.50, \$1.50; third, Time, 110 (S. S.).

BOWIE ENTRIES.

RACE TRACK, BOWIE, MD., Nov. 16.—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows: FIRST RACE.—Claiming: maiden two-year-olds; six and one-half furlongs.—Soborn, 115 (Mooney), \$25.40, \$11.10, \$11.10; first, Phil, 79 (Henderson), \$15.30, \$7.65, \$7.65; second, Tingling, 121 (Rodriguez), \$10.10, \$5.05, \$5.05; third, Time, 125 (S. S.).

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MOVIE CONDITIONS MAY BE TAKEN UP BY GRAND JURY

Most City Departments Seek to Dodge Blame for Deaths in Panic.

While broken hearted parents and sobbing friends are to-day gathered about the biers of the six children tragically done to death during the panic in the Catherine Street motion picture house last Sunday, official New York apparently is seeking to avoid the issue as to responsibility for the death toll.

Municipal laws, state and municipal—are upon the statute books and official enforcement bodies are numerous. In addition to the city organizations, supposedly responsible for the safety of patrons of motion picture theatres, many semi-public organizations are concerned in such matters.

New York, with its varied interests and familiarity with sensations, is still aroused and talking about the little east side theatre tragedy. Individuals and organizations are insistently demanding a full investigation and expose of conditions existing in the picture houses of the city. The city departments responsible for such matters are inclined, however, to subvert action. The majority of the departments are disavowing responsibility for the deaths of the six children, and it would almost appear as though they would prefer to have the tragedy forgotten as speedily as possible.

During the regime of Police Commissioner Arthur Woods two active and capable young detectives were assigned in each precinct to welfare duty. It was their function to visit poolrooms, motion picture shows and other places where young persons congregated to take action against matters that might lead to crime or endanger lives or morals. Under Commissioner Enright, a Welfare Division of the Police Department has been created. This is presided over by Mr. Ellen O'Grady, Fifth Deputy Commissioner. She has a special staff of women investigators and a number of supernumerary police officers to aid her.

Following the tragedy in Catherine Street, Mrs. O'Grady, announcing that there were a number of picture houses that were "abominations of filth," advocated the closing down of all theatres in New York until a rigorous investigation might be made. As yet nothing has been done.

The Fire Department, which has supervision over motion picture houses and is responsible for the safety of their patrons, through Commissioner Brennan declares that it did everything possible to keep the Catherine Street theatre properly regulated. The department avers that it makes weekly inspection of such places, and that a day or two before the tragedy a duty assigned fireman visited the place and found no violations.

The City License Bureau which is empowered to revoke the licenses of such theatres as do not properly qualify with the statutes, maintains that it has not a sufficient force thoroughly to investigate picture theatres. The License Bureau has a force of twenty inspectors, which the Commissioner declares is far too small to handle all the complaints received.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, a semi-public organization, is keenly interested in conditions existing in motion picture theatres and its General Manager, Ernest K. Coulter, states that he has written over one hundred letters of complaint to the license bureau concerning law infractions in picture houses and obtained no results.

Following holocausts and serious accidents in the past, City Departments have roused themselves to great heights. Laws were enacted and officials in public statements predicated the impossibility for future repetitions of disasters. This was true following the Triangle Factory, or Ash Building fire of March 25, 1911, when almost 150 persons lost their lives because of blocked doors and other fire menaces that existed.

Laws plenty governing fire and panic emergencies were brought into being. Down on the east side preparations are under way to-day for the funeral of six child victims of a panic in a motion picture house. Official New York is seeking to get from under the responsibility.

The only attempt at official action developed to-day when a process server from the office of District Attorney Swann arrived at Fire Headquarters. He had in his possession what is known as a "frequent subpoena" and his mission was to obtain from the department copies of complaints which had been made against motion picture houses and reports of official action taken in such instances. It would appear from this that the District Attorney

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contemplates a Grand Jury investigation into motion picture houses. Despite the stringent laws that were enacted following the Ash Building fire, The Evening World's investigation shows that the courts have been prone to deal more than charitably with violators of the fire laws. The records in Magistrate Harris's court reveal the fact that property owners summoned to court for violations which might have resulted in great loss of life have been given small fines and in a great many instances have been permitted to depart with suspended sentences.

Although it had been planned to have a joint funeral for the six little victims of the motion picture house tragedy, opposition to the plan developed among the parents and it was decided this morning to have two funerals. The funerals will be held on Thursday from the Church of St. Joachim in Roosevelt Street. Three of the little victims will be buried in the morning and the other three in the afternoon. Father Giannuzzi, the pastor of the church, will preside at both services.

The morning funeral will be for Quail Cannarrie, Theresa Gaudico and Vincent Manicucci. Requiem high mass will be held at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon services will be held for Emma Alpino, Joseph Lombardi and Emanuel Bonola.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW BY MOVIE HOUSES GOING UNPUNISHED

(Continued From First Page.)

children from families of small means are less likely to be protected. Early last spring the society learned that in the Collito building there had been used as a place for the exhibition of films which permitted children under sixteen years of age to go into motion picture theatres during certain hours and be placed under the "supervision" of a matron who was to be selected by the S. P. C. C. This came as a surprise to those in authority of the society and did not have their sanction.

Following this telegram were sent by the Society to members of the Rules Committee, Assembly Chamber, informing them of Senate Bill 1732, notifying them that the Society was opposed to the passage of this bill, and appealing to them to prevent it being rushed through in last hours without hearing.

A telegram was also sent to Thaddeus C. Sweet, Chairman of the Rules Committee, to the same effect and was followed by a letter inclosing twenty-six letters and many telegrams from various school principals throughout Manhattan, expressing their disapproval of the bill.

Also on May 8, Mr. Smith received a letter from Col. Coulter requesting that he veto the measure. Finally word was received from Mr. Keating that the bill was dead. Deputy Police Commissioner Ellen O'Grady has sent communications from time to time to the society in which he names films which in his opinion are not suitable to be seen by children.

Miss Stella Minor, head of the Girls' Protective Society, and Mr. Hall, in charge of Child Labor, have also been very active in attempting to prevent the admittance of children into motion picture theatres without proper guardianship.

CONTESTS FOR FIVE SEATS IN CONGRESS

Clerk of the House Expects That Ten More Will Be Staried.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Notice of five contests for seats in the next House of Representatives already have been filed with William Taylor Page, a Clerk of the House, and Mr. Page said he expected that at least fifteen seats would be contested.

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M. PAUL HYMAN

The building in which the Council and Assembly hold sessions is now known as Independence Hall. It was formerly the Hotel National.

M. Paul Hymans, who has been elected President of the Assembly of the League, was formerly Premier of Belgium. He was a member of the Belgian delegation to the Peace Conference and also of the Council of the League of Nations.

SMALL FINES ONLY PUNISHMENT FOR FIRE VIOLATIONS

List of Cases in Magistrate Harris's Court Shows \$25 Was Highest Levy in Day.

THE Evening World herewith presents a few cases that came before Magistrate Harris yesterday concerning violations of the fire laws. It will be noted that the fines imposed are light.

Gussie Perlman, 135 West 22d Street. Door opened in \$20.

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Gussie Perlman, 135 West 22d Street. No fire escape north side, \$20.

Morton Rosenberg, No. 51 East 25th Street; no fire escape east side of building; \$20.

Stella Bonnarri, No. 52 West 25th Street, a lodging house; no fire alarm; \$10.

Carlo Calabrese, No. 226 Hudson Street; more than one ton of combustibles on premises; \$10.

John J. Dooley, No. 446 Park Avenue; gasoline in tanks; \$25.

Peter H. White, No. 130 West 49th Street; more than five reels of motion picture film without permit; \$20.

Frank C. Fisher, No. 1489 Park Avenue; dry cleaning and dyeing; no permit; \$20.

NEW LIQUOR PERMITS RULE.

Applications for Renewal Must Be Made Before Dec. 31.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—All outstanding Government liquor permits issued prior to Jan. 17 will expire automatically on Dec. 31 and applications for renewal must be filed by Dec. 1 under regulations issued to-day by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams.

This rule will make the life of liquor permits one year instead of indefinite as heretofore. Permits include those for the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation, transportation, delivery, storage, and use of liquor. Permits for the purchase of liquor will continue to run thirty days.

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SAYS LINDHEIM'S FIRM PAID BIG SUM

Bookkeeper Testifies \$150,000 Was Credited to Sielcken and Drawn Out.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tietz, a bookkeeper and secretary for Hays, Kaufmann and Lindheim, was the first witness to-day in the trial before United States District Judge Grubb of Dr. Edward A. Rumsley, J. Walter Kaufmann and Norvin J. Lindheim on charges of conspiring from the Allen Property Custodian the investment of German money in The Evening Mail in 1917.

Under questioning by Special United States Attorney Alcorn, Mrs. Tietz said she had entered \$150,000 to the credit of Herman Sielcken on the books of the firm at the direction of one of her employers, she could not remember when. She said misstatements of this account were paid out to Rumsley and Lindheim in sums of from \$25,000 to \$25,000 a month between Feb. 3, 1917, and April 2, 1917.

Harold F. Cotton, paying teller of the Central Trust Company, testified yesterday that a draft on the German national bank by Hugo Schneider was credited to Lindheim. It was said to be for \$150,000. The draft was cashed by the Central Trust Company, which was then in the hands of the German government in this country.

SUGAR DOWN TO 9-3-4 CENTS

Lowest Price Reached Since Falling Movement Began.

Refined sugar to-day touched a new low price for the present downward movement. The Federal Sugar Refining Company which has almost continually been underselling competitors during the last two months or more, established a quotation of 9-3-4 cents per pound.

This announcement was made almost immediately after the American Sugar Refining Co. and the Warner Co. announced that they had reduced their quotation 1-2 cent to 10 cents per pound, the price the Federal Company has had in force.

BOY STARTS FIRE IN SCHOOL

Had Grudge Against Teacher. Wanted to Get Square.

Henry Genaro, nine years old, of No. 356 Graham Avenue, was detained after a hearing in the Children's Court, Brooklyn, to-day for examination as to his mental condition. Richard F. Walsh, Assistant Fire Marshal, said the boy threw a match into a wood chest at Public School No. 23, at Conesville and Humboldt Streets, yesterday, starting a fire which partly destroyed the classroom. The boy admitted the charge. He said he had a grudge against the teacher and "wanted to get square."

Indict Two for Paul's Murder. CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 16.—Frank J. James and Raymond Schuck were indicted to-day on a charge of having murdered David S. Paul, in a meat market, on Oct. 1, 1919. Paul was slain and robbed Oct. 5. Prosecutor Wolverton promised the trial would start in two weeks.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY AVERTS CLASH ON MONROE DOCTRINE

South American States Withdraw Requests for Revision Treaties With Chile.

GENEVA, Nov. 16. (Associated Press).—All danger that the Assembly of the League of Nations may encroach upon the Monroe Doctrine by considering American questions in the absence of the United States, has been averted by the withdrawal of a request by Bolivia and Peru for revision of treaties with Chile. Their requests were withdrawn yesterday.

It was the former nation's purpose to gain access to the sea, and the latter's to secure reconsideration of the existing Rancagua question.

It is not expected that any other American questions with dangerous possibilities will come before the present session of the Assembly.

Eight committees, charged with dealing with all questions on the Agenda, began work to-day. Each committee has forty-one members, all the nations having delegates at the meeting here being represented.

It is reported that South American delegates have agreed the League of Nations should do all it can to get the United States to become a member nation.

Argentina is regarded as a strong candidate for representation on the council of the League, the four elective members of which will be chosen by the Assembly after receiving the report of the Committee on General Organization.

The delegates to the Assembly were slow in assembling for this morning's session, but the work of the Assembly, nevertheless, was well under way before noon. The report of the Council of the League on the work that had been done since the League was organized was taken up by the delegates after some preliminary matters had been disposed of, chiefly completion of organization of the committee.

LEAGUE TO ELECT 12 VICE-PRESIDENTS

Three of Them Are Not to Be Europeans—Favor Open Diplomacy.

GENEVA, Nov. 16. (United Press).—The Assembly of the League of Na-

DENIES HE IS DEAD; WAR DEPT. WILL PRODUCE CORPSE

If It Does, How Can He Attend His Own Funeral, Is the Problem.

VERMONT, Mass., Nov. 16. (United Press).—The War Department is awaiting the arrival of the corpse from France.

Gramscott's "death" was announced officially and the War Department refused to consider his repeated claims that he is alive. The department, as a final effort to convince Gramscott of his error, has shipped his body here.

Gramscott is to inspect the body on arrival. He declared to-day he will under no circumstances identify it as his own. But he is worried over the problem of attending his own funeral.

tions had adopted the British plan for twelve Vice Presidents, the Japanese delegation insisting that at least three should be non-Europeans. Viscount Ishii was assured by President Hymans that the League would see that his demand was granted.

Lord Robert Cecil, representative of South Africa, demanded that the League's first assembly put itself on record as favoring open diplomacy. He also asked an immediate examination into Armenian affairs, calling attention to the fact that the situation now is "hazardous." Publication of the Polish-Lithuanian report was demanded, also.

U. S. Not Opposed to League's Settlement of Disputes. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (Associated Press).—Consideration of the Taegana dispute between Chile, Peru and Bolivia by the League of Nations would not be regarded by the American Government as an encroachment on the league on the Monroe Doctrine, according to State Department officials.

When the announcement was made that the question had been referred to the league considerable satisfaction was expressed by Administration officials, as a settlement of this long standing controversy has been earnestly desired by the United States.

The Administration's attitude with respect to the Monroe Doctrine has been based upon the literal interpretation providing against any territorial aggression in South America.

Committee to Study Emigration in Europe. WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner General of Immigration, will leave Washington to-night on a trip for the study of immigration questions which will take him to practically all the countries of south-eastern Europe.

WESTERN UNION CUTS OFF CABLES TO STATE DEPARTMENT

Action Attributed to Landmark Dispute—Bills Not Paid, Says Company.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. (Associated Press).—The long-standing controversy between the State Department and the Western Union Telegraph Company has reached an open break, the company refusing to handle any further cable messages for the State Department except upon prepayment of tolls.

The company's order was issued Nov. 10, it was said to-day at the department, and "ostensibly was applied to all departments of the government. It was understood, however, that messages sent by other departments had been excepted informally from the ruling.

The Western Union is stated to have based its action on the delay in the department in making payment on cable messages previously handled. Department officials asserted to-day, however, that it was in retaliation for the refusal of the department to permit the landing of a cable at Atlantic City.

Depositors' Claims Before Court. The New York State Court of Claims will sit in Kings County Court House on Dec. 14 to decide whether it may pass upon claims of depositors of the Union Bank of Brooklyn, which failed in 1908. Attorney General Newton will contend the court has no power to act. Louis Goldstein, for the depositors, will contend the State is liable for depositors' losses on the ground that State bank officials were negligent. Deposits were \$5,000,000.

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